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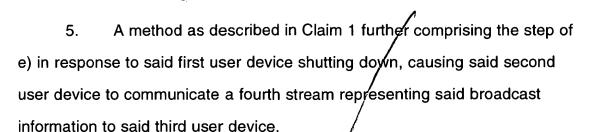
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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 method of communicating broadcast information comprising the steps of:

- a) causing a server to communicate a first stream representing digital broadcast information to a first user device wherein said server and said first user device are coupled to the Internet;
- b) causing said server to communicate a second stream representing said broadcast information to a second user device wherein said second user device is coupled to the internet;
- c) causing said first user device to communicate a third stream representing said broadcast information to a third user device wherein said third user device is coupled to the Internet; and
- d) rendering, pseudo simultaneously, said broadcast information on said first, second and third user devices.
- 2. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast information is a radio program.
 - 3. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast information is a television program.
- 25 4. A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said broadcast information is a computer program.



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6. A method as described in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

adding a fourth user device on said Internet; and causing said second user device to communicate a fourth stream representing said broadcast information to said fourth user device.

7. A method as described in Claim 1 further comprising the steps

adding a fourth user device on said Internet; and

causing said server to communicate a fourth stream representing said broadcast information to said fourth user device.

device

of:

8. A method of broadcasting information over a network of electronic devices, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting broadcast information from a server to a first group of electronic devices of said network; and

achieving pseudo-simultaneous broadcasting of said broadcast information for said first group and a second group of electronic devices by forwarding said broadcast information from said first group of electronic devices to said second group of electronic devices of said network.

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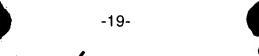
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and



9. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said step of achieving pseudo-simultaneous broadcasting further comprises the steps of:

establishing direct communication links between respective ones of said first group of electronic devices and said second group of electronic devices;

instructing said first group of electronic devices to transmit said broadcast information to said second group of electronic devices via said direct communication links.

- 10. The method as recited in Claim 9 further comprising the step of periodically updating status of said first and second groups of electronic devices.
- 11. The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising the step of by-passing inactive electronics devices of said first group by re-routing said direct communication links.
- 12. The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising the step of terminating direct communications links that are associated with inactive electronic devices of said first and said second group.
- 13. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said first and second groups of electronic devices each comprises a computer system configured for receiving said broadcast information and for forwarding said broadcast information.



14. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said network of electronic devices comprises the Internet.

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